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MUDA 50:50 site scam

ED Digs Deeper

- **CM Siddaramaiah's close aides Hinkal Papanna and his son Rakesh Papanna grilled at their residence in Mysuru for second consecutive day**
- **Rumours rife that documents moved to friends' houses anticipating ED action**

The house of Rakesh Papanna at Hinkal in Mysuru.

Mysuru, Oct. 29 (RK&BS)- The Enforcement Directorate (ED) sleuths, who raided the residence of former Zilla Panchayat (ZP) Member Rakesh Papanna at Hinkal in the outskirts of the city on Monday, in connection with the ongoing investigation into the alleged irregularities in 50:50 site allotment scheme at Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA), have continued their investigation for the second consecutive day today.

Rakesh Papanna and his father Hinkal Papanna are the close associates of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, whose wife B.M. Parvathi, was the beneficiary of 14 sites at upscale Vijayanagar Third and Fourth Stages, in lieu of 3.16 acres of land belonging to her at Survey No. 464 at Kesare village, that was utilised for the development of Devanur Layout by MUDA.

As the issue turned into a major controversy, Parvathi returned the sites to MUDA recently, but the probe involving ED and also Lokayukta Police, Mysore Division, continues, keeping the heat on, into the alleged site scam.

Papannas' intense grilling

The ED officials, who subjected Rakesh Papanna (who had been nominated as MUDA Member, when he was the member of ZP) and his father, into intense grilling, reportedly questioned them about getting over 20 sites allotted illegally by MUDA under the 50:50 scheme and Incentive Scheme at Vijayanagar Second, Third and Fourth Stages, in exchange of a land acquired by MUDA in Hinkal.

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To Our Readers

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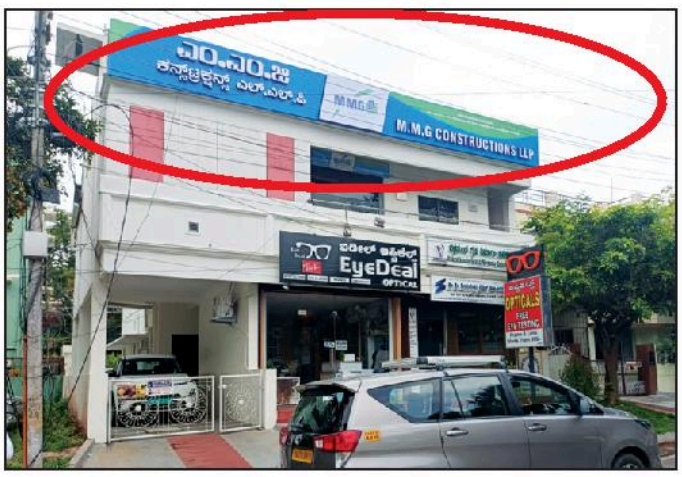
Fresh raid on another builder's house, office in city



Mysuru, Oct. 29 (RK, BLU & BS)- As the Enforcement Directorate (ED) officials have intensified their investigation into MUDA 50:50 site allotment scam, another raid was conducted on the residence and office of another builder at Srirampura and New Kantharaj Urs Road respectively in the city yesterday.

The raid continues, with the search stretching up to today.

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Union Minister inaugurates Rozgar Mela in city

Union Minister of State in the Ministry of Railways V. Somanna distributed appointment letters to selected candidates at Rozgar Mela held at Knowledge Park of All India Institute of Speech and Hearing (AIISH) in Mysuru this morning in the presence of MLA T.S. Srivatsa, South Karnataka Region Post Master General Dr. Chandra Sekhar Kakumanu, MP Yaduveer Wadiyar, Divisional Railway Manager Shilpi Agarwal, AIISH Director Dr. M. Pushpavathi and Director - Postal Services (SK Region) Sandesh Mahadevappa.

172 candidates receive appointment letters

Mysuru, Oct. 29 (RK&BNR)- Highlighting his commitment to prioritising employment generation and development of the country, Prime Minister Narendra Modi this morning distributed appointment letters to over 51,000 selected candidates for government jobs through video-conferencing.

This initiative marks the 13th edition of the Rozgar Mela, a significant step to empower the youths by providing them with meaningful opportunities to contribute to nation-building.

The Rozgar Mela spanned 40 locations across the country and was organised in Mysuru by the Department of Posts in collaboration with Central Government Departments at the Knowledge Park of All India Institute of Speech and Hearing (AIISH).

The event in Mysuru was inaugurated by V. Somanna, Union Minister of State in the Ministry of Railways and the Ministry of Jal Shakti, where a total of 172 candidates received appointment letters.

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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Tuesday 29th October 2024

Medal winners of National Swimming Competition

Medal winning swimmers — Subrahmanya Jeevamsh, Sanvi and Rutva — are seen with their parents and GSA Coach Pavan Kumar and Kishore Kumar.

Mysuru, Oct. 29- The following swimmers, who are trained at the Global Sports Association (GSA), J.P. Nagar Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar Swimming Pool, Mysuru, have excelled in the CBSE National-level Swimming Competition held at Bhubaneswar, Odissa, from Oct. 11 to 14:

Subrahmanya Jeevamsh, an 8th standard student of DAV School, J.P. Nagar, Mysuru - Gold medal in 100m Butterfly, gold in 200m Butterfly and silver in 200m Individual Medley.

Rutva, a Class 5 student of St. Thomas School - Gold in 50m Butterfly and silver in 100m Free Style.

Sanvi, a 5th standard student of DAV Public School - Silver in 200m Individual Medley.

Over 500 competitors from different countries including Dubai and Oman participated in the swimming competition.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

BENEFITS OF READING RAMAYANA: ***Sri Ramayana is considered the most sacred and essential because God Himself, as Sri Rama, has shown us the path to leading a good life. Sri Kesava Vajapeya Swamy said in a discourse that the recitation of each canto will yield certain specific benefits, which Lord Shiva has narrated to Goddess Parvathy in "Uma Samhita." Lord Brahma also told sage Narada about the same.***

Those who yearn to be blessed with progeny can recite Bala Kanda. Ayodhya Kanda will relieve all sorrows *(sarva dukha prashamanam).* ***Aranya Kanda is called Moksha Kanda. Those who want to be redeemed from the fatal sea of recurring births and deaths can recite the same. Reading of Kishkinda Kanda, which will help a person get good protagonists, as Sri Rama had friends such as Sugreeva, Hanuman, Jambavan and Vibheeshana. Yuddha Kanda enables one to conquer enemies and obtain all goodness and safety.***

Sundara Kanda is the most important one. People may sometimes think that they may not be able to achieve what they aspire to, but with the blessings of Sri Hanuman, they can. Sri Hanuman is praised as *"Asadhya sadhaka swamin kim asadhyam tava prabho"* ***— you are the one who performs even the impossible.***

Sage Valmiki says whatever we pray will be fulfilled *(partita scha sarvann varaan prapnuyath).* ***The reply to those who wonder why the wishes are not fulfilled even after reading the Ramayana is that Ramayana is flawless. Still, the benefit depends only on their faith and confidence.***

Those who cannot read the original text in Sanskrit can recite it in their mother tongue or even read the verses' meaning. *— In The Hindu*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Lunar soil bricks to be used on the Moon

Bejing: It's no secret that China has big plans when it comes to moon colonisation. Earlier this year, it became the first country to land a probe on the dark side of the moon and bring it back with valuable soil samples, and putting people on the moon appears to be the next logical step.

However, the Asian giant is already planning for the day when we'll be able to build bases and other buildings on the Earth's natural satellite, and to that end, it has developed an ingenious type of brick designed to withstand both physical pressure and high levels of radiation from the sun.

The so-called "lunar soil bricks" will be sent to the moon to be tested until the end of next year. Moon soil bricks were developed by a team of experts at the National Digital Construction Technology Innovation Centre of Huazhong University of Science and Technology. They have a mortise and tenon structure to make them easier to assemble and are meant to simulate the composition of lunar soil.

World's largest okra plant

Alabama: An Alabama couple may have broken a Guinness World Record by growing an okra plant that reached a height of 16 feet, 10 inches.

Mobile residents Terry and Candace Stevens said this was their first year planting okra in their garden, and they were shocked to see one of their plants reach for the sky.

"Actually, this is our first year planting. I think we started in March, and we started in seeds from my shed, and we transferred them out here, and they've just been growing ever since," Terry Stevens said. A crew from Byrd Surveying visited the couple's home to take an official measurement to submit to Guinness World Records.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Engaging in activities that stimulate the brain, like puzzles and reading, can maintain cognitive health.

By Dr. Venugopal Krishna K S - Neurologist
Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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LIFE'S ON

** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

Wins State-level Shuttle Badminton

The Mysuru team won the State-level Shuttle Badminton Tournament held at Kanakapura on Oct. 19. The team has progressed to the finals that will he held in New Delhi in the month of November. Seen are *(from left)* ***Gaurav, Avinash, Sriyan Kumar, Team Manager Ramesh, Hamdan and Sathvik.***

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM	KABINI DAM	Harangi DAM
Maximum **124.80 feet**	Maximum **2,284 feet**	Maximum **2,859 feet**
Today's level **124.80 feet**	Today's level **2,283.46 feet**	Today's level **2,856.00 feet**
Last year's level **99.50 feet**	Last year's level **2,276.08 feet**	Last year's level **2,850.20 feet**
Yesterday's level **124.80 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,283.61 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,856.30 feet**
Today's Inflow **5,286 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **273 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **157 cusecs**
Today's Outflow **5,027 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **1,300 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **1,300 cusecs**

REALLY...?

- ***The heaviest animal ever is a 39-million-year-old whale called named Perucetus colossus. Although the whale is estimated to be somewhat shorter than blue whales, the density of its bones, meant it may have been significantly heavier, with a body mass of between 85 and 340 tonnes.***
- ***Elephants express grief and engage in a stereotypical 'death ritual' when one of their number dies, take an interest in elephant bones they find, and even visit the graves of dead elephants.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Judge: You have committed more than 10 thefts in this week alone.
Thief: Yes sir, I had more enterprising qualities. I do over-time also sometimes!

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 84.07
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 109.05
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 22.89
1 Euro	= Rs. 90.90

VOICE OF THE READER

Mysore Palace entry ticket price hike justified totally

Sir,

Apropos the news item titled ***"Shell out more to see Mysore Palace"*** in *Star of Mysore* dated Oct. 25.

Recently, my wife and I visited Bali on a ten-day trip, where we were taken aback by the steep prices right from the airport. Although we had been warned about the high costs, they exceeded our expectations.

Bali is home to numerous temples, often without a presiding deity. The largest complexes are only slightly bigger than our own Sri Venkateshwara Temple in Mysuru. Entry fees to each temple ranged from 100,000 to 150,000 Indonesian Rupiah (Rs. 550 to Rs.830).

Additionally, other attractions like beaches, volcanoes, Monkey Forest, and paddy fields charged entry fees between Rs. 120 and Rs. 830. We spent nearly Rs. 20,000 on entry fees alone, yet none of these places left a lasting impression.

Moreover, food prices rivalled those of our five-star hotels, and taxi fares were more than double what we pay here. I even paid Rs. 300 for a cup of curd!

We have visited other countries too, such as Sri Lanka and several in Europe and the Far East, where tourists are charged exorbitantly. This has often made us wonder why we don't raise entry fees here to a comparable level and use the revenue to enhance our facilities.

Given this, I feel the authorities are entirely justified in raising entry fees, especially for foreign tourists. The Mysore Palace, being one of the finest in the country, will continue to attract visitors, local and international alike, who will not hesitate to pay a little more for the experience.

— Lt.Col. (Dr.) Y.N.I. Anand
Kuvempunagar
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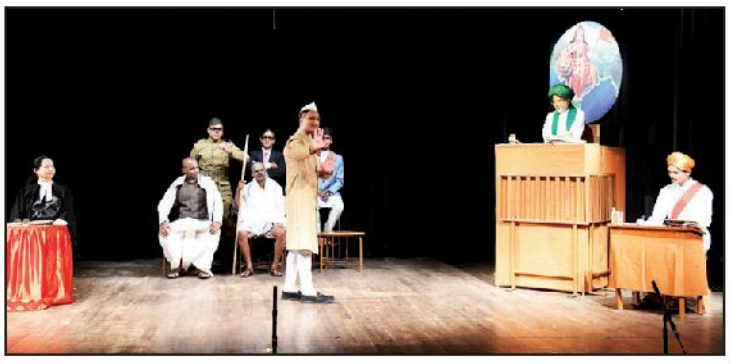
Addanda Cariappa's Kannada play 'Satyavanne Heluththene' staged

Play will be staged at Kiru Rangamandira till Oct. 31 at 6.30 pm everyday



A scene from the play 'Satyavanne Heluththene' staged yesterday.

Mysuru, Oct. 29 (PM&VNS)- The first show of 'Satyavanne Heluththene', the Kannada play directed by former Rangayana Director Addanda C. Cariappa was a huge success with jam-packed audience at Kiru Rangamandira in Kalamandira premises here yesterday.

Cariappa, through this play, has tried to bring out the hidden truths. "The idea of a farmer playing the role of judge in the Court of Conscience is something which is great to watch," said the audiences.

The characters of Mahatma Gandhi, Nehru, Sardar Patel, Subash Chandra Bose, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar and Veer Savarkar have a major role in the play and actors S. Shivamurthy (Gandhiji), V.C. Chidarjun (Nehru), Chethan (Sardar Patel), Pavan Deshpande (Dr. Ambedkar), Sunil Pataki (Bose), S. Vaibhav Nag (Savarkar), Anitha Cariappa (Advocate), H.S. Kiran (Peon) and Addanda Cariappa as Judge (Farmer) have performed exceedingly well.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, Cariappa said the play was written after researching 43 books to unravel the truth. "The response had been good for my previous play. Though publicity has been on a low scale for this play, people have assembled in large numbers which is overwhelming. Youths must know the actual facts. People are welcome to review this play in their own way. Previously, the play *'Gandhi Vs Gandhi'*, also a political drama, was staged in Rangayana when Congress was in power. Similar plays have been staged in Marathi language also. So, there is nothing new in us staging this play," he added.

"As patriots of this great nation, we wanted to give back something to this country. I am happy that the tickets for all three days have been sold out. However, only a few tickets for Oct. 31 are available. With only 230 seats available in the auditorium, we have made arrangements for additional 20 seats. The Court scene in this play is just an imagination. However, the conversations are in the history, which is true," he said.

Columnist and Yuva Brigade Founder Chakravarti Sulibele, Pro-Hindu leader Puneeth Kerehalli, Anathalaya President C.V. Gopinath and other prominent persons watched this play.

Jayalakshmipuram Police headed by Inspector Kumar had provided tight security.

This play will be staged till Oct. 31 daily at 6.30 pm at Kiru Rangamandira. The tickets are priced at Rs. 200 each.

Obituary

C. Venkataswamy Naidu

Bengaluru, Oct. 29- C. Venkataswamy Naidu (94), a retired officer of Public Works Department and Chairman of Bengaluru's VK Convention Hall, passed away yesterday at his residence in Jayanagar, Bengaluru.

He leaves behind his sons V.K. Jagadish Babu (Chairman and Managing Director of Sankalp Group) and Dr. V.K. Srinivas (Bengaluru's Vydehi Superspeciality Hospital Director & Cardiology Head), two daughters and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were held in Bengaluru yesterday.

Kalyatanda Jappu Erappa

Kodagu (Kakkabbe): Kalyatanda Jappu Erappa (69) of Hatrick Sports, Bengaluru and a resident of Sanjaynagar, Bengaluru, passed away at his house in Kunjila village, Kakkabbe, Kodagu, yesterday.

Son of late Achamma, he leaves behind his wife Gracy (Mukkatira - Harihara), daughter Bojjangada Naksha Poovanna, son Muthanna and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at Kalyatanda family burial ground in the village this afternoon.

H.A. Amarnath

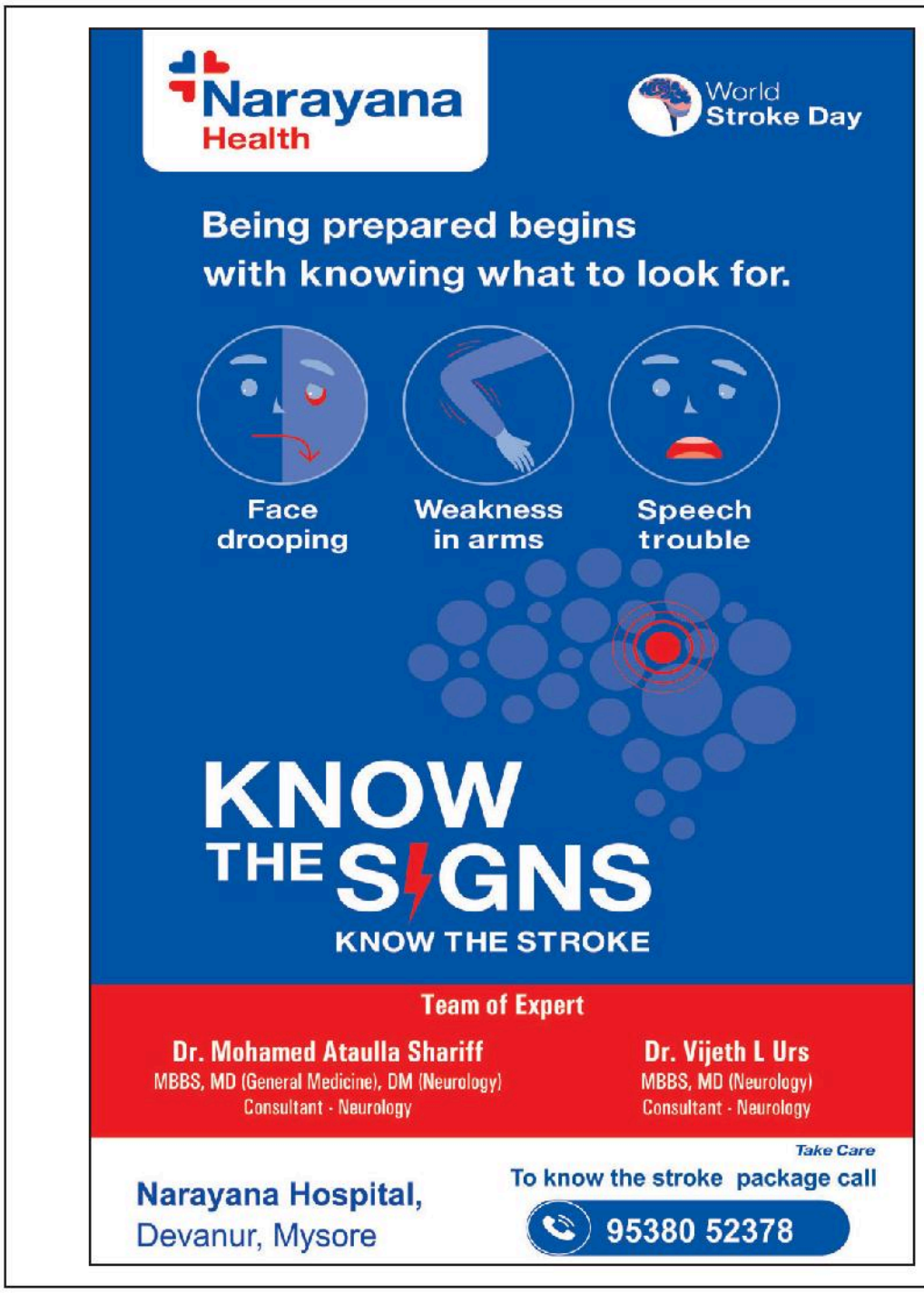
Mysuru: H.A. Amarnath (46), a resident of Dattagalli, passed away in the early hours of today in city. He was the owner of Oxford Stationery, Shoe World and Prestige Shopping Arcade at Ramaswamy Circle in city.

He leaves behind his wife Swetha Devi, daughter Sharanya, father T.R. Anantha Setty, mother Kanakalakshmi, younger brother Ravichandra and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at the foot of Chamundi Hill this evening.

Eshwar

Eshwar (70), a resident of Gandhinagar, passed away on Sunday. He leaves behind his wife Sowbhagya, son Sunil Kumar (Police Dept.), two daughters and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were held at Adijambava Burial Grounds yesterday.



NEWS BRIEFS

Theatre and folk dance camp

Desiranga Samskruthika Trust has organised a 10-day theatre and folk dance training camp for college students at Kalamandira premises from Nov. 5 to Nov. 16 between 4.30 pm and 6 pm. Folk dances including Kamsale, Dollu Kunita, Puja Kunita, Mari Kunita and Kolata will be taught during the camp. For details, contact the Camp Director on Mob: 70194-41509, according to a press release from Desiranga Samskruthika Trust.

Haridasa Smarane recitation contest

Ajjana Mane - Kala Prapancha will be conducting a State-level 'Haridasa Smarane - 2nd Series' recitation contest (Karnatak Music Style) on Nov. 29, Nov. 30 and Dec. 1. Singers in the age group of 12 to 18 years are eligible. There will be three prizes — First prize: Rs. 8,000; Second prize: Rs. 6,000; Third prize: Rs. 4,000. For details and registration, WhatsApp to 91104-53540 or 83102-79953, according to a press release from Ajjana Mane - Kala Prapancha.

Singing camp from Nov. 4

Padmapaani Lalitakala Academy has organised a three-week singing camp from Nov. 4 to 25 at Gandhi Bhavan in Manasagangothri campus. The classes will be held from 5 pm to 6.30 pm on all the days, during which the participants will be taught Folk Songs, Tatvapada, Bhavageete, Devotional Songs, Vachana, etc. Interested youths in the age group of 10 to 30 years are eligible. For details, contact Mob: 95904-05072 or 76195-07455, according to a press release from Padmapaani Lalitakala Academy.

Ph.D awardees

K.L. Sadhana Kumari has been awarded Ph.D in Kannada by the University of Mysore (UoM), Mysuru, for her thesis 'Vasudhendra Avara Sahitya' submitted under the guidance of Dr. Vijayakumari S. Karikal.

Muralijaiprakash has been awarded Ph.D in Kannada by the University of Mysore (UoM) for his thesis 'Kanndadalli Dalita Sthreevadi Chintane (Praatinidhika Kadambarigalannu Anulakshisi)' submitted under the guidance of Dr. Priti Shrimandharkumar.

Issue NOC to hand over MUDA layouts to local bodies: DC

Mysuru, Oct. 29 (MK&BS)- Deputy Commissioner (DC) G. Lakshmikanth Reddy has instructed the local bodies to issue No Objection Certificate (NOC) to facilitate the process of handing over the residential layouts developed by Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) to respective local bodies.

DC Lakshmikanth Reddy, who is also the Chairman of MUDA, instructed the officials during a meeting with the officials of local bodies, at D. Devaraj Urs Meeting Hall at Zilla Panchayat in the city on Monday.

The DC said, MUDA has stopped issuing the khata already, but as per the Government order, the layouts developed by MUDA will be handed over to the local bodies. Once the process is completed, the respective local bodies should take care of all the associated responsibilities.

The DC noted that, 17 layouts developed by MUDA are yet to be handed over to the local bodies, which should be done at the earliest. These layouts comprise 38,244 sites and 196 parks, spread over a vast expanse of 3,830 acres and eight guntas of land. Accordingly, Srirampura Third Stage (Outer Ring Road area), the residential are developed at a vacant land adjacent to Anthropological Society of India and Devanur Third Stage will come under the ambit of Mysuru City Corporation (MCC).

The Hootagalli City Municipal Council (CMC) will be handed over the first, second and third phases of Vijayanagar Fourth Stage, Nanjangud Town Municipal Council (TMC) - Chamalapura Layout, Basavanagudi Block and Handuvinhalli, Rammanhalli Town Panchayat - Hanchya - Sathagalli 'B' Zone Layout, Survey No. 105 and others of Hanchya-Sathagalli 'B' Zone, Sathagalli Second Stage, Hanchya-Sathagalli 'A' Zone and Vasanth Nagar, Srirampura Town Panchayat-Nachanahalli Koppal Third Stage, Kadakola Town Panchayat - Shanthaveri Gopalgowda Nagar (Sarkari Uttanahalli village), Bogadi Town Panchayat-R.T. Nagar, Alanahalli Gram Panchayat- Lalithadripura (North and South), Mosambayanahalli Gram Panchayat-Lalbahadur Shastri Nagar (Yandahalli village).

The MUDA layouts will be systematically handed over the local bodies, besides impressing upon the authorities to release funds towards their development. Hence, the officials of the local bodies should inspect those layouts and prepare a list of development works to be submitted along with NOC, to recommend the Government to release the grants. The whole process will be conducted without giving room for any confusion. Another round of meeting will be convened on Nov. 8 to take prominent decisions in this regard, said DC Reddy.

He also made a mention of about over 900 private residential layouts developed within Mysuru city and the outskirts, with majority of them remaining undeveloped. In the first phase, the local bodies should receive 200 such layouts developed in the last five to six years. The decisions regarding the handing over private layouts, collection of tax and maintenance will be taken after holding a suitable discussion in the coming days.

MLA G.T. Devegowda, DC & MUDA Chairman G. Lakshmikanth Reddy and MUDA Commissioner A.N. Raghunandan during a meeting with the officials of local bodies at Zilla Panchayat in the city on Monday.

Maintain transparency: MLA G.T. Devegowda

Chamundeshwari MLA G.T. Devegowda suggested the officials to maintain transparency, while handing over the MUDA layouts to local bodies.

The officials of local bodies should inform the residents of the layouts about the facts related to the process. The officials of both MUDA and local bodies should be involved together, besides there should be no confusions at Gram Panchayat, Town Panchayat and Municipal Councils.

The information related to owners should be accurate. With the handing over of the layouts to local bodies, the revenue source will improve. If possible, the camps should be set up at respective layouts to issue khata, advised MLA Gowda.

MUDA won't issue khata: Commissioner

MUDA Commissioner A.N. Raghunandan reiterated, "MUDA has already stopped issuing khata to the sites and once the layouts are handed over to the local bodies, the latter will be vested with powers to provide the service of issuing the khata. There is a provision to issue khata by MUDA prior to the handing over the layouts to local bodies. Those who have already purchased sites can be issued khata and those who haven't got the khata done, should be issued khata at the earliest. MUDA should develop layouts, but doesn't hold any power to issue the khata. But still, the service of issuing khata is being provided since several decades."

AIDSO demands postponement of under-graduation exams

Mysuru, Oct. 29 (GA&VNS)- Members of All India Democratic Students Organisation (AIDSO) staged a protest in front of University of Mysore Crawford Hall demanding for postponement of under-graduation examination and along with the withdrawal of hike in examination fee, here yesterday.

Speaking on the occasion, AIDSO District President Chandrakala said, "As per the University's notification, the examination is scheduled to commence from Nov. 15. Despite colleges reopening in the month of August, classes commenced only after one-and-half months owing to lack of guest lecturers which has led to incompletion of syllabus and conducting examination in this scenario was unscientific."

The protesters also said that examination fee was being hiked unscientifically by the University. "Students who are economically backward are being asked to pay Rs. 2,000 towards examination fees. This apart, the University, despite not issuing the markscard for the third semester and to those who have completed their under-graduation, has been collecting markscard fees which are also going up every year. We are also demanding the University of reduce the markscard fees and on time issuance of markscards to the students," said Chandrakala.

AIDSO District Secretary Nithin, Vice-President Swathi, Office-Bearers Hema, Anjali, Abhishek and students of Maharaja's and Maharani's colleges took part in the protest.

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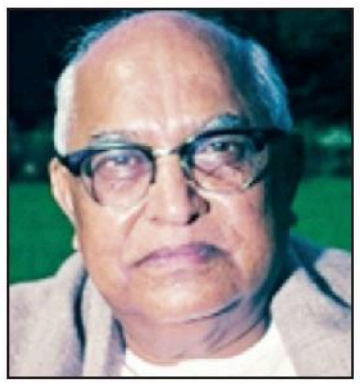
Abracadabra... Abracadabra...

By K.B. Ganapathy

Is Karnataka a cesspool of corruption?



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Shantaveri Gopala Gowda

Justice Santosh Hegde

Siddaramaiah

Is politics a cesspool? According to Amitabh Bachchan, the super star of Bollywood, it is. But I would say that politics in India is a cesspool of corruption. No wonder Amitabh Bachchan, a friend of Rajiv Gandhi, quit politics as a Congress MP.

Today this opinion may not be applicable to India, specially to Narendra Modi's BJP Government. But the damning opinion is very much applicable to Karnataka which has become a cesspool of corruption after S.M. Krishna laid down office as Chief Minister in May 2004.

After S.M. Krishna, BJP came to power but was corrupt and incapable of good administration. Then came the Congress again and Karnataka saw the rise of a new star in the horizon of Karnataka politics — Siddaramaiah. His claim to political rise is his leadership of AHINDA (a Kannada acronym for Alpasankhyataru or minorities, Hindulidavaru or backward classes, and Dalitaru or Dalits). The Congress High Command made him the Chief Minister by default as Dr. G. Parameshwar as the President of the Congress had lost the election. That is called the quirk of history.

With this fortuitous turning point, people have forgotten that Siddaramaiah was not from the original Congress but a later day entrant. Following the political turmoil in the JD(S), where he was enjoying various positions under the JD(S) Supremo H.D. Deve Gowda, he was shown the door in JD(S). **That was also a significant turning point in the history of Karnataka politics.**

As Chief Minister (13 May 2013 -17 May 2018) Siddaramaiah was unstoppable with an attitude of hubris. **He plunged into appeasement politics and nepotism as never before by any Congress CM.**

The government's decision to declare Tipu Sultan's birthday as a holiday and celebrate Tipu Jayanti all over the State was the trigger for agitations, violence and two deaths in Kodagu. The Hindu-Muslim divide was created to an otherwise harmoniously living communities across the State. This was worse than the decision taken by Dr. M. Veerappa Moily as Congress Chief Minister to broadcast Urdu news in Karnataka Akashvani which saw violent protests that even *BBC* telecast.

Along with the endemic law and order problem which became all pervasive, as a natural corollary, corruption too came to be accepted as normal. The BJP, which succeeded Siddaramaiah, with B.S. Yediyurappa and S.R. Bommai as Chief Ministers, was better in maintaining law and order but beat Siddaramaiah's earlier government in corruption. Naturally, BJP lost in the 2023 Assembly election and once again the Karnataka's Congress hero Siddaramaiah returned to power triumphantly with absolute majority of 136 MLAs but with his wings, tentacles and beak clipped with the presence of D.K. Shivakumar as Deputy Chief Minister and Dr. G. Parameshwar as the Home Minister.

Despite these constraints on his power, Siddaramiah became the most powerful Chief Minister of Karnataka because he had the blessings of the Congress High Command and he is also the Minister for Finance, Cabinet Affairs, Department of Personnel and Administrative Reforms, Intelligence, Information, Youth Services, Sports and S.T. Welfare and all unallocated portfolios. Small wonder, though Dr. Parameshwar is the Home Minister, the **Intelligence** is excluded from him!

No wonder Siddaramaiah rarely faced allegation of corruption, unlike his aides and Ministers. It is also no wonder that he had abolished the Karnataka Lokayukta, during his first term as Chief Minister, where many cases were filed against him. And, intelligently, in its place brought in a subservient Police outfit known as ACB (Anti-Corruption Bureau).

The result: Widespread corruption and erosion of credibility of Siddaramaiah's Congress government and his own. Yet, the Congress High Command is silent. Silence is deafening and also a sign of approval of corruption. **Since we are aware of the ongoing cases of corruption, nepotism, appeasement of Muslims, there is no need to list them here. In any case they are too many and still counting.**

One regret that is disturbing an honest and law-abiding citizen is, **as Justice Santosh Hegde says,** the stigma that used to be attached to a corrupt person or a criminal is no longer there. When such criminals are released from the jail, we see their admirers and fans receiving them with garlands and taking them in a procession. It does not augur well to see Congress politicians display ostrich behaviour as if nothing illegal or venal has happened even as proof is piling up about the loot of properties worth crores of rupees and money meant for Backward Classes and Dalits siphoned off illegally. Yet, the wheels of the law seems to move slowly and selectively. Hope, now that ED has entered the arena, at the end it will grind well and guilty will be punished.

Hearing the words of **former Lokayukta Justice N. Santosh Hegde** about the corrupt and the criminals being honoured and condoned of their crimes, I was reminded of the old times of decency and ethical conduct among the Gandhian politicians, I mean Mahatma Gandhi. Not the present ones.

Those were the days when corruption, violence or murders were considered heinous crimes and the guilty would, in majority cases, repent and feel ashamed of their acts. Some even committed suicide unable to bear the social boycott and stigma. But today, as Justice Santosh Hegde says, that sense of shame is not found among our politicians.

I have heard that once in our Karnataka's Vidhana Soudha, the then Leader of the Opposition, the inveterate socialist leader **Shantaveri Gopala Gowda** was speaking about the "Sharavati Scandal." An eloquent and powerful speaker he was, he blasted the Chief Minister in verbal fusillade: "I have never seen a corrupt Chief Minister like you in my life."

Like Julius Caesar, what Gopala Gowda had spoken, he had spoken. There was pandemonium and utter chaos in the Assembly that was inevitably adjourned.

Nijalingappa got up and went to his office in the second floor, asked the door keeper not to allow anyone inside, went in and closed the door behind.

In the meanwhile, Gopala Gowda, felt remorse for having spoken using such offending words and went to Chief Minister's chamber to see him. The door keeper did not allow him to enter the CM's chamber. However, he shouted at the door keeper and barged into the chamber. An unexpected surprise awaited Gopala Gowda. Nijalingappa was sitting with his head resting on his hands bent towards the table. **Gopala Gowda began to console him but all of a sudden Nijalingappa burst into tears and began to cry.**

"Why do you cry? What happened?" asked Gopala Gowda.

"Gowdre, you called me a corrupt man in the full house of the Assembly. Am I really corrupt? Do you really believe that I am corrupt? Tell me, if your conscience says so?"

Gopala Gowda instantly woke up to the reality and said:

"O, God, in the heat of my speech, in anger, I used those words. Come to the Assembly, I will take back those offending words, will tender apology and request that it be removed from the record."

This is an example of the decency and dignity with which our politicians conducted themselves in those days. But today? Where is Nijalingappa? Where is Siddaramaiah?

God Save Karnataka.

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Ex-MP Prathap Simha QUESTIONS

Waqf Board's notice to farmers

Mysuru, Oct. 29 (RK&VNS) - The ongoing controversy related to Karnataka State Board of Waqfs notices to farmers seems to have ignited the BJP leaders who have expressed their displeasure over the issue.

Speaking to the media persons at Jaladarshini Guest House here this morning, former Mysuru-Kodagu MP Prathap Simha reacted strongly to the controversy and said, it was important to know details of the lands belonging to Waqf Board.

"Were the lands claimed by the Waqf Board gifted to them by Akbar, Aurangzeb, Jinnah or the Mulla of Saudi Arabia? They have been claiming the ownership of lands according to their whims and fancies. The Board has claimed the 12-acre land belonging to a Ganesha temple in Hunsur and similar is the case in Chikkamagalur," he said and asked if the Waqf Board had allowed the members of the Muslim community to plough the

Prathap Simha

lands belonging to the Board.

CM's temple visits

Commenting on Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's visit to Goddess Chamundeshwari and Goddess Hasanamba temples, Simha said that the CM remembers deities only at those times, when he faced troubles.

"CM Siddaramaiah, who refused to accept saffron shawls on an earlier occasion, has suddenly developed faith in the Hindu religion and devotion towards our deities post MUDA scam," he chided and expressed hope of cleansing MUDA after Enforcement Directorate (ED) had launched its investigation into the 50:59 site scam.

'Matter of shame for elected reps'

Earlier, speaking to media persons in city, Union Minister of State for Railways V. Somanna said, the MUDA scam was a matter of shame for the elected representatives.

"Having worked as the Mysuru District In-charge Minister earlier, it is shocking to know about the magnanimity of MUDA scam. Myself along with Prathap Simha had collected the details of sites distributed and had decided to identify about 7,200 sites to be auctioned. Along with the then Deputy Commissioner Abhiram G. Shankar and MUDA Commissioner P.S. Kantharaju, we had decided to work towards the welfare of people. However, it was not possible. Now with the ongoing probe, let the truth behind the scam emerge," he said.

ED Digs Deeper

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The ED officials, who returned to Rakesh Papanna's house at 6.30 am today, have been repeatedly questioning the father-son duo, sending them into a state of tizzy.

While three of the ED personnel stayed overnight at Papanna's house, the ED officials had returned to the hotel, where they had put up. They returned only to pace up the investigation, with Papannas being the long-time associates of CM Siddaramaiah, aware of most of the secrets related to their mentor.

While the family members of Papanna have been restrained from stepping out of the house, no others are allowed inside the house, even as the anxious villagers and supporters of Papanna gathered outside the house. They are likely to be questioned till today evening.

10-gunta land

The ED questioning centres around 10 guntas of land owned by Papanna in Hinkal, that had been used by MUDA for developing Vijayanagar Third Stage, without following the process of acquisition.

Papanna had allegedly received a benefit of a huge site in the dimension of 50x80 square feet, in violation of law, during the tenure of previous MUDA Commissioner G.T. Dinesh Kumar. This nefarious deal came to light during the raid on MUDA by ED officials recently.

Photocopy of documents

It is said, the ED personnel have photo-copied several incriminating documents found during their search at Papanna's house. They have also taken into their custody the mobile phones of Papannas to ensure questioning without any interruption.

Questioning of former MUDA Commissioner Dr. Natesh

Similarly, ED sleuths have continued to interrogate former MUDA Commissioner Dr. D.B. Natesh at his flat on 10th Cross, Malleswaram, Bengaluru, for the second consecutive day today. On the other hand, Dr. Natesh's successor G.T. Dinesh Kumar, who made good his escape when the ED raided his flat near Banasavadi in Bengaluru, continues to be missing and remains incommunicado with his phone switched off.

The raid on builder N. Manjunath, which was conducted in multiple places including Mysuru, Mandya and Bengaluru on Monday, concluded late in the night, it is learnt.

India is home to knowledge, not a ground for war: HC Judge

Convocation of Government Ayurveda Medical College held

Mysuru, Oct.29(GA&DM)- Stating that India is not a land of wars and instead is home to learning and knowledge acquisition, High Court Judge Justice Krishna S. Dikshit said that here knowledge (Shaastra) is more recognised and accepted than Weapons (Shastra).

He was speaking after inaugurating 'Vishikhanupravesha', the Convocation of Government Ayurveda Medical College at KSOU Convocation Hall in Mukthagangothri campus on Hunsur road here recently.

Observing that Medical Science has not yet fully developed, Justice Dikshit said that, the field of Medicine leaves scope for continuous development and innovation. Noting that the Medical field demands more studies, he said that, those who have earned their degree now should not rest but continue with their Medical research.

"Karnataka is among the States which has brought in a Legislation for protecting duty doctors from attacks and assaults by miscreants and anti-social elements. The doctors should take note of this and get engaged in their work and studies without getting disturbed," he said, while underlining the role of doctors in maintenance of public health and physical well-being.

AYUSH Department Commissioner Dr. Srinivasulu said that Ayurveda, which is an ancient form of medicine, is nowadays facing challenge from other forms of medicine like Allopathy, Siddha, Yunani, Naturopathy and Yoga. In this backdrop, the Ayurveda doctors should strive to sustain the rich Indian traditions and skills that Ayurveda has maintained for centuries, he said adding that Ayurveda doctors have the enormous responsibility of enabling people lead a long life free of diseases and ailments.

As many as 82 students received their degrees on the occasion. Pooja Patil was the topper, while P. Bhavan Kumar came second.

Doordarshan presenter Dr. Na. Someshwara, Ayurveda College Principal Dr. Gajanana Hegde, Resident Doctor Shashirekha, faculty Dr. M.D. Sanjay Kumar, Dr. K. Srinivas Yadav and others were present during the event.

Raid on another builder

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The residence of builder M.M.G. Jayaram, owner of MMG Constructions LLP, was raided by the ED sleuths, who came in four private cabs, at about 7 am. They later searched his office from 10 am till late night hours and seized some of the documents vital to the investigation that is underway, it is said.

Jayaram has developed several layouts in MUDA limits and was suspected to be hand-in-glove with several prominent politicians and officers, having their *benami* properties valued at several crores of rupees, registered in his name.

He was also a close associate of former MUDA Commissioner G.T. Dinesh Kumar and had allegedly entered into an unholy nexus in carrying out several illegalities, positing around the controversial 50:50 site scheme.

Jayaram is the promoter of a House Building Cooperative Society Ltd., having its office in the same complex on Kantharaj Urs Road, through which he had allotted sites to many, it is said. The Society is also under scanner, with ED looking into the related documents, besides quizzing Jayaram.

Rozgar Mela in city

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Somanna, who spoke on the occasion, said that till 2014, the country was facing severe unemployment problems and hence, PM Modi launched Rozgar Mela in October 2022 and so far, over 14 lakh employments have been provided across the country in various Central Government Departments including Railways, Posts, Revenue, Higher Education, Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of Defence, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. Recruitments have been made in a transparent manner with candidates selected only based on their eligibility and merit, he added.

"In Railways Department alone, 5.2 lakh candidates have been recruited in Mission Mode since 2014. This year too, Indian Railways will recruit candidates for 60,000 posts and opportunity has been provided to write exams in Kannada language also," said Minister Somanna.

Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Wadiyar said that PM Modi has laid foundation for 'Viksit Bharat by 2047' and various Departments have been contributing for the development of the country by creating employments.

KSLTA felicitates National Games medallists

Men and women tennis players from the State who were felicitated by the Karnataka State Lawn Tennis Association (KSLTA) in Bengaluru recently.

Bengaluru, Oct. 29- Double gold medallists S.D. Prajwal Dev and Adil Kalyanpur and other tennis players who brought glory to Karnataka at the National Games (in Goa and Ahmedabad) were felicitated by the Karnataka State Lawn Tennis Association (KSLTA) at its premises here recently.

As an incentive, the KSLTA also gave away cash awards to the medal winners, totalling Rs. 21.52 lakh. Karnataka won the men's team gold, silver in men's doubles and women's doubles and a bronze in mixed doubles in Goa last year.

At the Ahmedabad National Games during 2022, Karnataka won a gold in men's doubles, silver medals in women's doubles and mixed doubles and two bronze medals in men's and women's team events.

The medallists are as follows:

37th National Games (Goa, 2023) — Gold: Men's team event - S.D. Prajwal Dev, Adil Kalyanpur, Suraj Prabodh, Rishi Reddy and A. Deepak; **Silver:** Men's doubles - Prajwal Dev and Adil Kalyanpur; **Bronze:** Women's doubles - Sharmada Balu and Soha Sadiq; Mixed doubles - Prajwal Dev and Sharmada Balu.

36th National Games (Ahmedabad, 2022) — Gold: Men's doubles - Prajwal Dev and Adil Kalyanpur; **Silver:** Women's doubles - Sharmada Balu and Soha Sadiq; Mixed doubles - Prajwal Dev and Sharmada Balu; **Bronze:** Men's team event - Prajwal Dev, Adil Kalyanpur, Rishi Reddy, Suraj Prabodh, Rashein Samuel, G. Manish; Women's team event - Sharmada Balu, Soha Sadiq, P. Vanshitha, Reshma Maruri and Amar Vidula.

Cash awards

Men: S.D. Prajwal Dev (Rs. 5,80,207), Adil Kalyanpur (Rs. 3,29,166), Suraj Prabodh (Rs. 1,12,500), Rishi Reddy (Rs. 1,31,041), G. Manish (Rs. 85,000), A. Deepak (Rs. 55,000), Rashein Samuel (Rs. 35,000), Peter Vijay Kumar (2022 non-playing captain, Rs. 25,000), Kiran Nandakumar (men's coach, Rs. 25,000), Gopinath (2023 non-playing captain, Rs. 25,000), Niranjan Ramesh (men's & women's coach, Rs. 50,000).

Women: Sharmada Balu (Rs. 3,08,332), Soha Sadiq (Rs. 1,41,666), Vanshita Pathania (Rs. 54,166), Reshma Maruri (Rs. 35,000), Vidula Amar (Rs. 35,000), Suhitha Maruri (Rs 25,000), T. Sai Janavi (Rs. 25,000), N. Prathiba Prasad (Rs. 25,000), Asha Nandakumar (2023 non-playing captain, Rs. 25,000), Poojashree Venkatesh (2022 non-playing captain, Rs. 25,000).

AGM of Muslim Co-op. Bank held in city

Mysuru, Oct. 29 (AP)- The 109th Annual General Body Meeting (AGM) of the Muslim Co-operative Bank Ltd., was held at its Head Office on New Sayyaji Rao Road here recently.

Bank President and former Corporator K.C. Showkath Pasha presided over the meeting.

On the occasion, some senior shareholders of the Bank, including former Vice-Chancellor of Yenepoya University, Mangaluru, Prof. Syed Akheel Ahmed, were honoured. Children of shareholders who excelled in II PUC and SSLC were given scholarship.

Showkath Pasha, who presented the report for the year 2023-24, said that the Bank has earned a profit of Rs. 2.12 crore in the year 2023-24 and later declared a Dividend of 22% for the year 2023-24.

Former Minister and MLA Tanveer Sait, gave some valuable suggestion for the development of the Bank.

The meeting began with the recitation of verses from the Holy Book of Quran by Moulana Hafiz Mohamed Salim Ulla. Director of the Bank Abdul Rahman Shariff welcomed the gathering.

Incharge Chief Executive Officer of the Bank Moohamed Khaleel Ulla Shariff and Director Rahmath Ulla Shariff read the names of those feted.

Director of the Bank Mohamed Akram Shan proposed a vote of thanks. Former President of the Bank Dr. Abdul Ravoof, Vice-President Gulam Rabbani and other Directors of the Bank were also present on the occasion.

Juloose Ghousia procession taken out in city

Mysuru, Oct. 29 (KS) - Juloose Ghousia (Procession), organised by Sarkar Mehaboob Subhani Foundation, near Meelad Park in Lashkar Mohalla, was taken out in city recently in which thousands of devotees participated.

The procession began from Masjid-e-Azam on Ashoka Road. Alam-Kushai performed Fatha Khawni and Darud Salam. The procession was flagged off by Chief Qazi of Idhara Shariya (Islamic Court), Masjid Azam Markaz Ahle Sunnath-wal-Jamath, Mysuru, Hazarath Moulana Mufti Shamshul Huda Samadi.

Procession Convener Hafeezulla Shariff Khadri felicitated Ulmas and prominent leaders. The procession was led by Ulmas, Hazarath Moulana Fasiulla Warsi, Hafiz Tabraiz Raza, Imam of Eidgah Masjid, Masjid Azam Management Committee Member Syed Jameel Khadree, Meena Bazar Merchant Association Hon. President Ilyas Baig Khadree, Waali Charitable Trust Trustee Mirza Jamsheed Baig Ashrafi, Ahmed Pasha Khadree, Tabraiz Kushali and other leaders.

The procession passed through Sawday Road, Dr. Zakir Hussain Circle, Eidgah Masjid Road and Pulikeshi Road before stopping at Muslim Burial Ground Circle where prayers were held for the departed souls.

The procession returned via K.T. Street, Sunni Chowk, Kantharaj Urs Park Road, Sattar Sait Block and prominent streets to reach Masjid-e-Azam.

Several Eid Meelad Committees, shopkeepers, area residents welcomed the procession. Badam milk, snacks and sweets were distributed.

Convener of Sarkar Mehaboob Subhani Foundation Hafeez Ulla Shariff Khadri, thanked City Police Commissioner, Police staff and participants on the occasion.

Konkani Christian Association donates Projector to Government School

Mysuru, Oct. 29-The Managing Committee of Konkani Christian Association, Mysuru, donated a Projector to enhance Smart Class teaching and learning to Government Higher Primary School, Hundi Beedhi, Hinkal recently.

The main objective is to give students the feel of technology which is an essential tool to help solve problems and simply make their lives better and easier to live in some way from a young age.

The programme was organised in the School premises where M. Prakash, BEO of Mysuru Rural, was the chief guest. Rajappa, School's HM, Stany Alvares, President of Karnataka Konkani Sahitya Academy, Bengaluru, Taranath Ghatti, President of Karnataka Tulu Sahitya Academy, Bengaluru, U.H. Ummar, President of Karnataka Byary Sahitya Academy, Bengaluru, John William D'Souza, President of Konkani Christian Association, Mysuru, Joyce Sequeira, General Secretary, Stany Lobo, Vice-President, Anil Saldanha, Treasurer, Committee Members of the Association and the SDMC Members were present.

Dileep, Assistant Teacher, welcomed the gathering. Mahesh, Assistant Teacher, proposed a vote of thanks.

International Day of Older Persons: AIISH distributes hearing aids

Mysuru, Oct. 29- The All India Institute of Speech and Hearing (AIISH), Mysuru, recently celebrated the International Day of Older Persons (IDOP) with a special event aimed at empowering older individuals through improved hearing care.

As part of the theme, 'Ageing with Dignity: The Importance of Strengthening Care and Support Systems for Older Persons Worldwide,' AIISH had organised a Hearing Aid Distribution Drive, supporting the key national programmes of the country — National Programme for Health Care of the Elderly (NPHCE), Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana and Sugamya Bharat Abhiyan (Accessible India Campaign).

The beneficiaries were individuals who had sought help at AIISH Outreach Service Centres at the District Hospital in Kodagu Institute of Medical Sciences (KoIMS), Taluk Hospitals in Nanjangud, K.R. Pet and Sagar, as well as Primary Health Centres (PHCs) and Community Health Centres (CHCs) in Hullahalli, Akkihebbal and Gumballi in the last few months. These centres cover four districts of the State ensuring broad access and impact through this meaningful initiative.

MP Yaduveer Wadiyar, who inaugurated the event and distributed hearing aids to beneficiaries, underscored the institute's dedication to providing accessible healthcare for older individuals.

Director of AIISH Dr. M. Pushpavathi welcomed and emphasised the institute's ongoing commitment to enhancing the quality of life for older persons through accessible and effective hearing care solutions.

She said that older persons with hearing loss have 7 times higher risk of dementia (degenerative memory loss).

More than 250 beneficiaries received high quality digital hearing aids at a nominal cost of Rs. 500 per aid.

The programme was coordinated by the Department of POCD headed by Dr. M. Sandeep, Professor of Audiology and the Coordinator of AIISH Outreach Services Dr. K. Arunraj.

Swavalambi Stree Autorickshaw Driving Programme

Eleven underprivileged women empowered to earn livelihood

Chairman of NR Foundation R. Guru, along with Founder-Director of Taliru Foundation Dr. A.R. Chitra, seen flagging off the first batch of 11 women who successfully underwent autorickshaw driving and life skills training programme in city recently as others look on.

Mysuru, Oct. 29 (KS)- NR Foundation, in collaboration with Taliru Foundation, Rotary Mysore and Rotary Mysore East, successfully completed the Swavalambi Stree Autorickshaw Driving Programme, an initiative that was aimed at providing free training in autorickshaw driving to empower underprivileged women.

In addition to driving skills, they were also trained in essential life skills including financial literacy, self-defence, communication skills and counselling.

Eleven women from the inaugural batch completed their training and are now certified to drive around the city, equipped with an RTO licence, a badge and uniform. A second batch of twelve women has been selected to undergo similar training.

The successful flag-off ceremony of the first batch was conducted by Chairman of NR Foundation R. Guru, along with Dr. A.R. Chitra from Taliru Foundation, M. Praveen from Rotary Mysore and Rohit Subbayya from Rotary Mysore East recently.

Speaking on the occasion, Guru said, "Empowering women is not just about providing skills, it is about unlocking potential and transforming lives. Through this programme, we have equipped underprivileged women with the means to earn a livelihood and be independent."

Some of the beneficiaries also spoke on the occasion. Rekha from Pandavapura, said: "My husband abandoned me after having three daughters and I live with my aged mother. I am a 5th std. pass. I was struggling to earn enough money while my family members kept us away. I got a hope in life when I found out about Swavalambi Stree Programme. I changed from being a timid woman after the life skills sessions and I can now drive an auto confidently."

Manasa, who also underwent the training, said: "Due to family situations, I could not complete my SSLC exams. I started working in a petrol bunk and then took up food delivery. I never got married and want to remain single. I have a personal ambition to own a fleet of autos and enable more women to drive."

Taliru Foundation Founder-Director Dr. A.R. Chitra, Rotary Mysore President Rtn. N. Praveen and others were present.

Apply for UoM affiliation via UUCMS portal: Registrar

Mysuru, Oct. 29 (BS)- The University of Mysore (UoM) has instructed all autonomous and affiliated colleges within its jurisdiction to apply for affiliation for the academic year 2025-26 through the Unified University and College Management System (UUCMS) portal — ***https://uucms.karnataka.gov.in***

Colleges can file applications for temporary renewal of affiliation for Under-Graduate (UG) or Post-Graduate (PG) courses, permanent affiliation for new courses, subjects or languages, as well as for student admissions — whether additional or reduced. Applications may also be submitted to establish new colleges or introduce new UG courses in existing institutions.

Permanent affiliation

Registered educational institutions must propose the establishment of a new First Grade College with a minimum of two courses. Colleges that have received temporary affiliation for five consecutive years and have secured at least a NAAC 'C' grade — while demonstrating total compliance with the Local Inspection Committee's conditions — are eligible to seek permanent affiliation for their respective courses or subjects.

Composite First Grade Colleges intending to introduce PG courses must have completed five years of affiliation as outlined in the Education Department's guidelines. They should also have a minimum of four eligible teaching faculty members (with at least two Ph.D holders) and adequate basic infrastructure for conducting research activities to submit applications for starting PG courses in the academic year 2025-26.

MBA and MCA courses

Institutions renewing affiliation for existing MBA and MCA courses must comply with the guidelines set forth by the All India Council of Technical Education (AICTE), the University Grants Commission (UGC), and the Government.

AICTE-recognised institutions may submit applications to start B.Ed Colleges, while those offering new B.Ed, B.P.Z., BA.Ed, and BSc.Ed programmes can apply to initiate M.Ed, MP.Ed, MSc.Ed and other PG courses.

All rules and guidelines issued by the UGC, the Government and the University must be strictly adhered to. Applications should only be submitted for courses, subjects and options that comply with the University's guidelines; non-compliant applications will not be considered.

Ineligibility for fee exemption

According to the Government order, college managements belonging to Scheduled Castes (SC) and Scheduled Tribes (ST) are required to pay only 50 percent of the stipulated fee for affiliation. They must submit the necessary certificate; failure to do so will result in ineligibility for the fee exemption.

Applications should be addressed to the Registrar, University of Mysore, Mysuru - 570005, with hard copies submitted to the Director, College Development Council, Moulya Bhavan, Bogadi Road, Manasagangothri, Mysuru.

The application submission period is from Oct. 25, 2024, to Nov. 15, 2024. For further details, contact via e-mail: *cdc@uni-mysore.ac.in* or visit the website *www.uni-mysore.ac.in* or over Ph: 0821-2419306/415.

Applications for First Grade Colleges

Applications are invited from registered educational institutions within the jurisdiction of the University of Mysore to establish new First Grade Colleges, in accordance with the orders issued by the Deputy Secretary of Higher Education Department on Oct. 4, 2024.

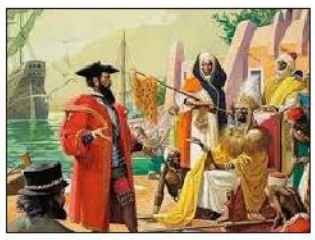
Institutions intending to start a college within Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) limits must possess a minimum of one acre of land; those in taluk limits require at least 1.5 acres, while rural areas must have a minimum of three acres.

The land should be registered in the name of a Trust or it should be leased for a period of over 30 years with a deed registered at the Office of the Sub-Registrar.

For further details, contact the College Development Council at Moulya Bhavan, Bogadi Road, Manasagangothri, Mysuru.

WORD OF THE DAY

Palaver



Pronunciation: puh-LAV-er (noun)
Meaning: Palaver is an informal word that usually refers to unimportant or meaningless talk. It can also refer to misleading or deceptive speech, or to a conference or discussion. In British English the word is sometimes used as a synonym of fuss to refer to unnecessary excitement about something.

Origin: Let's talk about palaver. Though the word comes from Portuguese, it likely entered English by way of the West African coast in the 18th century. Portuguese sailors there used their word palavra, which in general use means "speech" or "word," as a term for discussions with the native people they encountered. English sailors applied palaver for the same, and then brought the word back to their own shores. The Portuguese word comes ultimately from the Late Latin noun parabola, meaning "speech" or "parable." If Portuguese isn't in your wheelhouse, perhaps you'll recognise the influence of Latin parabola on other tongues: the Spanish palabra, for instance, means "word," and the French parler means "to speak."

Example: "Henry [Thoreau] was working at his journal, as he usually did for a part of each day. He was reading Chaucer and liking it. A couple of days later, on Monday, January 3, he made popcorn, which he playfully called 'cerealious blossoms' because they were 'only a more rapid blossoming of the seed under a greater than July heat.' On Wednesday, January 5, as early clouds gave way to midday sun, he praised manual labor as 'the best method to remove palaver from one's style.' Maybe he took his own advice about palaver. We hear no more from him about cerealious blossoms." — Robert D. Richardson, Three Roads Back: How Emerson, Thoreau, and William James Responded to the Greatest Losses of Their Lives, 2023.

THE ODD WORD

Palafitte

Prehistoric lake dwelling.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Pedal to the metal

Meaning: You use the phrase 'Pedal to the metal' to indicate that something is being pushed forward as fast as possible.

Origin: This expression originated during the 1950s, when cars' floorboards were made of metal and racers would put the accelerator all the way down to make their autos go as fast as possible.

Example: "I put pedal to the metal and finished my essay two days early."

QUOTE BOX

Nobody can pedal the bike for you. **—Cynthia Lewis**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

EXIT
LEG

Answer: Out on a limb.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 French playground - "carp" anagram?
5 Wickedness
9 For each
12 Chinese nursemaid
13 Unfastened
14 Ethiopian prince
15 The main part of a church
16 Defeats very narrowly (5,3)
18 Famous writer of fairy stories
20 Polluted air
21 Apple's popular tablet computer
24 Belgian battle
27 Shakespeare: "The Taming of ___ ____"? (3,5)
31 Spanish queen
32 Need or desire
33 Turkish military leader
34 From (2,2)
35 Common language suffix
36 Generosity
38 Country in Africa with Accra as its capital
41 Heavenly body
42 Naked
44 Auctioneer's hammer
48 Spoke at length
52 London gallery
53 Red Indian tribe
54 Overdue
55 God of love
56 Zeus for one, Vishnu for another
57 Russian emperor
58 Force unit

DOWN

1 A sudden pain
2 Bollywood's ___ Akbar Anthony
3 Sitarist Shankar
4 Pharmacist
5 Otto ___ Bismarck
6 BSE deal
7 Tax in an old-fashioned way?
8 Foe
9 Advance
10 Loire's contents
11 Q-U connectors
17 Dip in liquid
19 Speed measure, in short
22 Russian sea
23 Impressionist painter
25 Son of Seth
26 Out of danger
27 Small branch
28 Jumble; blotch or bungle
29 Amplified, strengthened or improved?
30 Skin tumour
34 Oxygenated
37 Wisecrack
39 Fruit kernel
40 Grown-up
43 Epochs
45 Differ or change
46 Famous school
47 ___ majesty : treason toward the king or country ?
48 Pull with effort
49 WWII zone
50 Estimated Time of Arr.
51 "The" in German

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

H	A	T	E	■	H	A	D	■	U	S	A	F
I	D	E	M	■	A	G	O	■	N	O	E	L
T	E	L	E	G	R	A	M	■	R	H	E	A
■	■	■	N	U	T	■	I	D	I	O	C	Y
W	O	R	D	Y	■	S	N	I	P	■	■	■
I	C	E	S	■	A	C	A	D	E	M	I	A
S	T	D	■	A	M	A	T	I	■	A	D	C
P	O	S	T	P	O	N	E	■	A	M	L	A
■	■	■	A	S	R	S	■	P	L	A	Y	S
B	U	C	K	E	T	■	E	E	L	■	■	■
E	R	L	E	■	I	M	P	R	O	P	E	R
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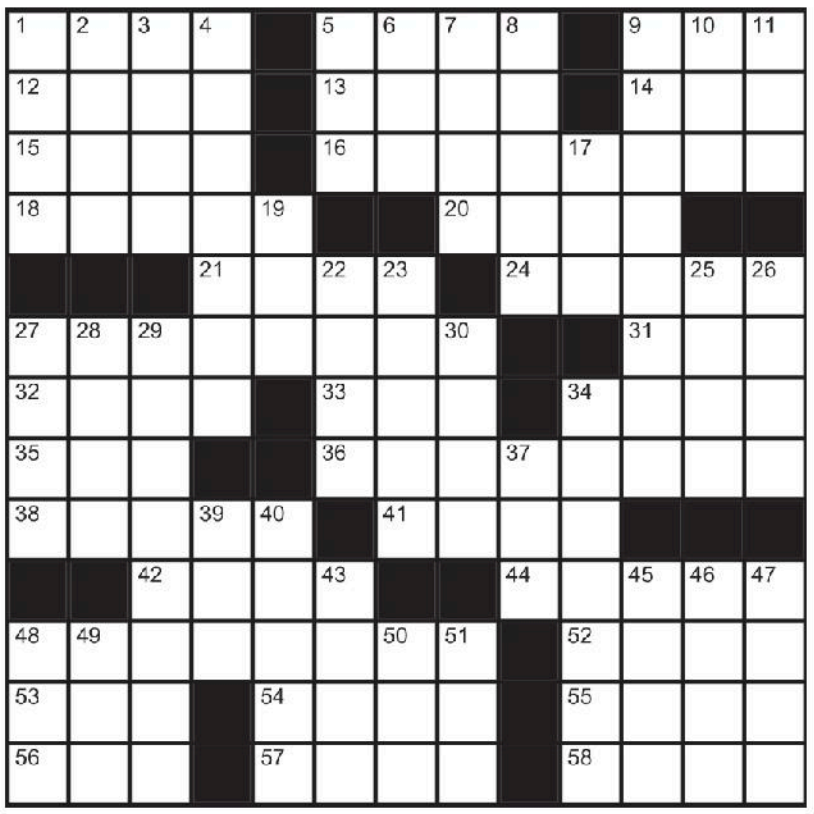

SUDOKU

	6	7				9		
		4		9	6			5
3							1	8
	3		4		9			
	7			3			8	
			7		2		6	
7	4							1
9			1	4		8		
		1				5	9	

Answer to previous puzzle

5	3	2	9	4	6	1	7	8
7	1	6	8	2	3	4	9	5
4	8	9	5	1	7	3	6	2
9	2	7	4	8	5	6	3	1
1	4	8	6	3	9	2	5	7
3	6	5	2	7	1	8	4	9
8	7	3	1	5	4	9	2	6
2	9	4	7	6	8	5	1	3
6	5	1	3	9	2	7	8	4

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

OY KBC RTM NUU PIU SOJIP TP PIU UMF BY PIU

PCMMUS, KBC THU SBBGOMJ PIU QHBMJ QTK.

TODAY'S CLUE: J EQUALS G

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: The past is a foreign country; they do things differently there.

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Venom: The Last Dance (E-3D)	(S-1)	11.05 am, 1.30 pm, 7.15, 9.45 pm
Vettaiyan (Ta)	(S-1)	4 pm
The Wild Robot (E-3D)	(S-2)	11 am
Martin (K)	(S-2)	1.10 pm
Vettaiyan (K)	(S-2)	4.05 pm
Yalakunni (K)	(S-2)	7.10 pm
Narudi Brathuku Natana (Te)	(S-2)	9.50 pm
Ellige Payana Yavudo Daari (K)	(S-3)	10.35 am
Ibbani Tabbida Ileyali (K)	(S-3)	1.15 pm
Anna (K)	(S-3)	4.30 pm
Murphy (K)	(S-3)	7 pm
Pani (Ma)	(S-3)	9.50 pm
Nassab (K)	(S-4)	10.20 am
Vettaiyan (Ta)	(S-4)	1.05 pm, 6.55 pm
Yalakunni (K)	(S-4)	4.15 pm, 10.05 pm

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Vettaiyan (Ta)	(S-1)	9.15 pm; (S-4) 6.30 pm
Ellige Payana Yavudo Daari (K)	(S-1)	4 pm
Martin (K)	(S-1)	6.30 pm; (S-4) 1.10 pm
Venom: The Last Dance (E-3D)	(S-2)	1.30 pm, 4 pm, 7 pm
	(S-3)	9.15 pm
Yalakunni (K)	(S-3)	1.30 pm; (S-4) 3.55 pm
Obbattu (K)	(S-3)	4.30 pm
Udhaharane (K)	(S-3)	7 pm
Pani (Ma)	(S-4)	9.30 pm

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Venom: The Last Dance (H-3D)	11.25 am, 9.45 pm
Ellige Payana Yavudo Daari (K)	11.50 am
Vicky Vidya Ka Eoh Wala Video (H)	12.15 pm
Martin (K)	12.55 pm
The Wild Robot (E-3D)	2 pm, 7.10 pm
Jigra (H)	2.45 pm
Bandaa Singh Chaudhary (H)	3.30 pm
Yalakunni (K)	4.05 pm, 9.30 pm
Vettaiyan (Ta)	6.05 pm
Pani (Ma)	6.10 pm
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Bougainvillea (Ma)	10.30 pm

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Venom: The Last Dance (E)	3.20 pm, 8.30 pm
Yalakunni (K)	12.05 pm, 5.55 pm
Pottel (Te)	12.10 pm
Martin (K)	3.30 pm
The Wild Robot (E-3D)	4.05 pm
Narudi Brathuku Natana (Te)	6.40 pm
Vettaiyan (Ta)	9.45 pm

Runners-up in City Inter-Collegiate Men's Volleyball Tournament

SBRR Mahajana First Grade College emerged Runners-up in City Inter-Collegiate Men's Volleyball Tournament 2024-25 conducted by JSS College, Ooty Road, Mysuru. Seen are** (from left - sitting)* ***PE Director P.S. Madhusudhana, Principal Dr. B.R. Jayakumari, PE Director Dr. H.N. Bhaskar, Team Capitan Karthik;** (standing)* ***Somashekar, N.R. Tejas, M. Suprith, K. Shashank, H.J. Kushal, Rakshith, PrathyakshGowda, Manish, YashwanthS. Gowda, D.B. Shiva, J. Varun, K.M. PreethamandS. Gambhir.

EVENTS TODAY (OCT. 29)

- **Cauvery Ayurvedic Medical College and Hospital:** 9th National Ayurveda Day celebrations, Cauvery Group of Institutions (CGOI) Chairman Dr. G.R. Chandrashekar presides, CGOI MD Dr. Sarala Chandrashekar guest of honour, eminent Ayurveda Practitioner Dr. B. Gurubasavaraja chief guest, Cauvery Ayurvedic Medical College and Hospital premises, **4 pm.**
- **Inchara Kalakshetra:** Handmade (Paper Pulp) Dolls Show by K.S. Raghavendra, a 75-year-old artist from city, 'Inchara Kalakshetra,' 149/150, 4th Cross, 3rd Main, Mahadeshwaranagara 2nd Stage, Vijayanagar, Mysuru, **4 pm to 8 pm.**
- **Gemini Circus:** Shows at Horse Park, near Karanji Lake, **4 pm and 7 pm.**
- **Rangabhoomi Trust, Kodagu:** Staging of play 'Satyavanne Heluththene,' written and directed by former Rangayana Mysuru Director Addanda C. Cariappa, Kiru Rangamandira, Kalamandira premises, **6.30 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (OCT. 30)

- **Inchara Kalakshetra:** Handmade Dolls Show by K.S. Raghavendra, 'Inchara Kalakshetra,' Mahadeshwaranagara, Vijayanagar, **10 am to 1 pm and 4 pm to 8 pm.**
- **Karnataka Exhibition Authority (KEA):** Dasara Exhibition, Exhibition Grounds, **2.30 pm to 8.30 pm.**
- **Gemini Circus:** 3 shows at Horse Park, near Karanji Lake, **1 pm, 4 pm & 7 pm.**
- **Rangabhoomi Trust, Kodagu:** Staging of play 'Satyavanne Heluththene,' written and directed by former Rangayana Mysuru Director Addanda C. Cariappa, Kiru Rangamandira, Kalamandira premises, **6.30 pm.**

Punyasmarane & Jayantotsava

Mysuru, Oct. 29- Vokkaliga Yuva Brigade has organised Dr. Sri Balagangadharanatha Swamiji Punyasmarane and Rashtrakavi Kuvempu Jayantotsava at Senate Bhavan in Manasagangothri on Nov. 9 at 5.30 pm.

Dr. Sri Nirmalanandanatha Swamiji will grace the occasion. Minister Shobha Karandlaje will inaugurate the event.

Karnataka High Court Judge Justice H.P. Sandesh will preside over the programme.

On the occasion, Dr. Nagarjun B. Gowda (IAS), P.V. Bhyrappa (IRS) and N. Bhavyashree (AFHQ) will be felicitated, according to a press release from Vokkaliga Yuva Brigade.

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Venom: The Last Dance (H-2D)	1.45 pm, 7.25 pm
Martin (K)	11.30 am
Jigra (H)	1.35 pm
Yalakunni (K)	2.55 pm, 5.50 pm
The Wild Robot (E-2D)	4.50 pm
Vettaiyan (Ta)	8.45 pm
Bougainvillea (Ma)	10 pm

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Venom: The Last Dance (E-2D)	9.50 am
Venom: The Last Dance (E-3D)	10.55 am, 11.55 am, 1.30 pm 2.30 pm, 4.05 pm, 5.05 pm 6.40 pm, 7.40, 9.15 pm, 10.15 pm
Venom: The Last Dance (H-2D)	6.10 pm
Praapthi (K)	10.55 am
Martin (K)	12.25 pm
Yalakunni (K)	1.45 pm, 8.45 pm
The Wild Robot (E)	3.35 pm
Mooka Jeeva (K)	4.40 pm
Ellige Payana Yavudo Daari (K)	7.35 pm
Pani (Ma)	10.30 pm

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